

ARTICLE 8



Article 8: Replacement Generator – Emergency Operations Center

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the purpose of replacing a generator manufactured in 1986 with a new 80KW generator at the Town of Amherst Communications and Emergency Operations Center. This is a non-lapsing Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

(The Board of Selectmen recommends (4-1) a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously does not support this Article.)

After reviewing completed repairs over the last couple of years, evaluating known deficiencies, and recognizing the importance of functioning backup emergency power for our Police, EMS, Emergency Operations Center, and Dispatch Center, a pro-active approach is being taken to replace this twenty year old propane converted gasoline driven generator. The existing engine has recently been diagnosed with coolant in the engine oil as well as fluctuating electrical output, and will require approximately \$8,000 in repairs. To postpone this replacement at this time does not appear to be a prudent thing. A new generator will provide reliable, economical backup power for many aspects of our emergency service requirements for the next twenty years.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.02 Per Thousand

ARTICLE 9



Article 9: Fire Department Command Vehicle

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a four wheel drive Command Vehicle to replace the current 1996 four wheel drive vehicle for the Fire Department.

This is a non-lapsing Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously does not support this Article.)

This vehicle was originally purchased used in January 2004 and is utilized as an emergency response vehicle, primarily by the fire chief. The vehicle is now 11 years old, has approximately 125,000 miles, and required substantial repairs this past year. Should it be replaced, the existing vehicle will replace a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer with 181,000 miles in the Department of Public Works in a non-emergency role.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01 Per Thousand